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Classified By: CDA Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Pol/Econ Chief October 16 delivered reftel demarche concerning UNSCR 1718 to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho viewed the resolution favorably, saying "we have nothing to do with North Korea," no diplomatic, economic, or trade relations. He said the MFA would distribute a letter to all concerned Bahraini authorities about the resolution, pointing out the restrictions and sanctions the resolution puts into place. He said the only possible area of contact between Bahrain and North Korea is in the banking sector. The letter would specifically reference this area and notify those responsible for monitoring and regulating the financial industry that all aspects of the resolution must be applied and banks have an obligation to notify the government of any information related to the articles of the resolution.

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